

# MIDDLETOWN DAILY ARGUS.

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## MONEY FOR CHARITY

Munificent Bequests Made by the Late Henry L. Pierce.

## MORE THAN \$500,000 DISBURSED

**Harvard College Gets \$50,000—Various Religious Denominations Benefit by His Bounty—Large Bequests to Business Associates.**

Boston, Dec. 23.—The will of the late Henry L. Pierce, which has been filed for probate, after numerous legacies to relatives and friends, makes the following public bequests, which are to bear proportionately any deficiency that may occur after paying the personal legacies, which have precedence: To the Methodist, Baptist, Orthodox, Unitarian and Catholic societies of the village of Dorchester Lower Mills, where deceased resided, and the Episcopal society of Ashmont, \$3,000 each; to the town of Stoughton, \$25,000 for the purchase of books for a free public library; to Harvard college, \$50,000; to the Massachusetts General hospital, \$10,000; to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$50,000; to the Museum of Fine Arts, \$50,000; to the Massachusetts Homoeopathic hospital, \$50,000; to the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear infirmary, \$20,000; to the Children's hospital on Huntington avenue, Boston, \$20,000; to the Perkins institution and Massachusetts school for the blind, \$20,000; to the New England hospital for Women and Children, \$20,000; to the Home for Aged Men on West Springfield street, Boston, \$20,000; to the Home for Aged Women, at 103 Revere street, Boston, \$20,000; to the Home for Aged Couples, on Walnut avenue, corner of Seaver street, Boston, \$20,000; to the Home for Aged Colored Women, Myrtle street, Boston, \$5,000; to the Channing home on McLean street, Boston, \$3,000; to the Boston Home for incurables on Dorchester avenue, \$20,000; to the Boston Children's Aid society, \$5,000; to the Society for the Collegiate Instruction of Women, in Cambridge, Mass., \$20,000; to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, \$20,000; to the Boston Lying-in hospital on McLean street, \$20,000; to the Commandery of the State of Massachusetts Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, \$5,000. Any of the residue that may remain after paying all the legacies is to be divided equally among the Museum of Arts, the president and fellows of Harvard college, the Massachusetts General hospital, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Homoeopathic hospital. The will also bequeaths the following sums to the officers and employees of Walter Balmer & Co., limited, of which corporation Mr. Pierce was the head: J. Frank Howland, president and Mr. Pierce's confidential clerk; Charles F. and Talbot B. Aldrich, directors, and H. C. Gallagher, vice-president, receive \$100,000 each; Frank S. Hall, head of the New York agency; Wm. B. Brooks, clerk of the corporation, and James M. Bugbee, receive \$50,000 each; John E. Dodge, treasurer; Harry Delano, Richard Foisom, head of the Chicago agency; Ethan A. Cushing, superintendent of the works at Milton; William Brooks and Charles A. Pope, receive \$10,000 each.

### New York Senatorship.

Albany, Dec. 23.—Mayor John Boyd Thacher of Albany is not a candidate for the minority nomination for United States senator to succeed David B. Hill. He stated this fact to Assemblyman Kelly of Albany, who broached the subject to him. Mr. Thacher said he would not take the nomination even if the democrats had a majority vote in the legislature. Mr. Kelly said he would vote for Senator Hill to receive the minority complimentary nomination for United States senator.

### A Race War Feared.

Louisville, Dec. 23.—A race war is imminent at Mayfield, the scene of the lynching of "Jim" Stone, the negro who was hanged by a mob for assaulting Mrs. Green last November. There has been much bitter feeling, the negroes having made threats to avenge the lynching of Stone and the killing of Henry Finney. A number of negroes have been warned to leave town and more trouble is expected.

### Buffalo Newspaper Changes.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—The announcement is made that Samuel G. Blythe, managing editor of the Express, will on Jan. 1 become editor-in-chief of the Buffalo Evening Enquirer, to succeed Joseph O'Connor. It is also reported that David Gray is soon to become managing editor of the Buffalo Courier, which position his father held some years ago.

### Railroad Consolidation.

Meadville, Pa., Dec. 23.—The directors of the Pittsburg, Shenango & Lake Erie railroad have authorized the consolidation of their road with the Butler & Pittsburg railroad. The new road will be called the Pittsburg, Bessemer & Lake Erie, and will extend from Conneaut, Ohio, and Erie, Pa., to

## NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY.

Ninety-First Anniversary of Its Organization Celebrated Last Night.

New York, Dec. 23.—The New England society celebrated the ninety-first anniversary of its organization and the 276th of the landing of the Pilgrims by a dinner last night at the Waldorf. The dinner was held in the new ball room of the hotel, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion. Banners on which were inscribed in letters of gold the names of the New England states were around the banquet hall. There was a wealth of choice flowers at the various tables, and wreaths of evergreen were everywhere seen. In the absence of Chas. C. Beaman, the president of the New England society, who has gone out of town for the holidays, ex-judge Henry F. Howland, the first vice-president, presided at the dinner. The following is the list of toasts and the names of the gentlemen who responded to them: "Forefathers' Day"—E. J. Phelps minister to the court of St. James; "Our Debt to the Pilgrim Fathers"—the Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage. "Some New Englanders in Georgia"—Col. Richard Malcolm Johnston of Baltimore. "New England Literature"—Hamilton W. Mabie. "The results of Puritan Influence"—Gen. Horace Porter. "The Navy"—Hilary A. Herbert, secretary of the navy. "The Army"—Gen. Neilson A. Miles. "The Civic Compact and the Church Covenant of the Pilgrim"—Nathan Lord, president of the Pilgrims society of Plymouth. "The City of New York"—Mayor Strong. "Our Sister Societies"—J. Kennedy Tod. Covers were laid for 500. Among those present besides those mentioned above were Horace Russell, Stewart L. Woodford, Elihu Root, J. Pierpont Morgan, Gen. Thos. H. Roger, Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, Commodore Montgomery Sicard, Charles A. Dana, Cornelius N. Bliss, C. P. Huntington, Arthur F. Bowles and ex-Gov. Roswell P. Flower.

### FRIZZELL UNDER ARREST.

The Man Who Shot Mrs. Young and Himself Must Stand Trial.

Plymouth, N. H., Dec. 23.—Harry Frizzell, the 19-year-old youth who shot Mrs. Edith Calvin Young in both ears with a 22-calibre revolver at the Central house, last Wednesday, and then attempted to kill himself, has been placed under arrest at the instance of County Solicitor Adams, the charge being attempt to kill and murder, with malice aforethought. Frizzell is under a keeper and will be arraigned as soon as his health will permit, which will undoubtedly be in a few days as his health is improving as is his intended victim. Since she has been able to tell her story, it is more generally believed than his, but there are circumstances in the case which make it look as if it she planned the shooting as claimed by Frizzell.

### JOHN L. SULLIVAN POOR.

All the Sheriff Could Find to Attach Was a Chip.

Boston, Dec. 23.—John L. Sullivan was in the poor debtor court yesterday on a florist bill of \$318 on which judgment has been obtained. The items in the bill dated from June 19, 1893, to December 9, 1894. The first was for four diamond-beads, but nearly all the others were for funeral designs, ranging in cost from \$5 to \$100. The bill had been allowed by the court and a deputy sheriff was given a writ of attachment. John L. lived at 23 Folsom street, Roxbury, but the officer could not find that he had any means to attach, so he attached a chip, which fulfills the legal requirements. The ex-champion was examined as to the amount of money he had made and how he spent it and the case was postponed until January 1.

### New York Assembly.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—Assemblyman Fred Nixon of Chautauqua county who arrived here from Albany yesterday, says that the assembly slate at present made up bears the name of O'Grady for speaker, and his own for the leadership of the majority. Mr. Nixon said it was the general opinion among the legislators whom he met while in the east that the democratic leader would be Mr. Finn of New York.

### Want Duty on Lumber.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 23.—A meeting of the manufacturers of yellow pine lumber of this section was held here yesterday for the purpose of taking steps to present the views of the lumbermen to congress on the subject of the tariff on lumber. The meeting was very strongly in favor of the restoration of the tariff of 1882 of \$2 per thousand. A committee was appointed to memorialize congress on the subject.

### The Baltimore No. 6 Mine Accident.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 23.—All the miners resented Monday evening from the Baltimore No. 6 mine after an explosion of gas had occurred in an improving condition this morning, excepting Michael Chumpo, who was badly burned about the body and may die. All the others will recover.

### New British Commissioner.

London, Dec. 23.—The Hon. George Edwin King has been gazetted British commissioner for the hearing sea arbitration.

## WEYLER IS DEJECTED

Would Really Welcome the Appointment of His Successor.

## REBELLION POSSIBLE IN HAVANA

**News of the Military Chief's Operations in the Province of Pinar del Rio Awaited with Intense Interest—The Battle of Placetas.**

Havana, Dec. 23.—Reports of the operations of General Weyler on the field of military activity in the province of Pinar del Rio are awaited here with intense interest, as the captain-general intimated before his departure yesterday that advices announcing a decided Spanish victory might be expected within a day or two. Spaniards here profess to believe that the military chief will keep good his word at this time, as they think he is in possession of secret information telling him of the concentration of a large body of the insurrectionists in that province, which, they assert, he will not hesitate to attack, having every confidence in his ability to achieve a brilliant success. Beneath this confident attitude, however, may be discerned anxiety, not for the death of the captain-general, but that his plans may be again frustrated, in which event it is believed that the American congress will surely take hand in the struggle to the great detriment of the Spanish cause. Another cause for this anxiety is the growing scarcity of funds with which to purchase those luxuries so dear to the Spanish heart, for, although many of them have an ample stock of money, prices for even the necessities of life are rapidly advancing. The announcement of the fact that the United Railways of Havana can pay no dividend and that arrangements are being completed for their sale to an English syndicate has also operated to cast a damper upon the spirits of even the most hopeful. While subdued in tone, the dissatisfaction with the conduct of affairs in Cuba is none the less deep on the part of those who are compelled to bear the largest part of the burden of the war, who have been repeatedly disappointed by the non-performance of General Weyler's bright promises, and it may be necessary for him to return to Havana to hold in check a possible revolt at the very heart of Spain's hold up on Cuba. These things are, of course, only whispered in secret, but they are none the less evident to an acute observer. It is also vaguely rumored that Gen. Weyler is becoming weary with the never-ending warfare and the petty annoyances and complaints to which a man in his position is naturally subjected, and it is said that he would not only welcome the appointment of his successor, but would resign were it not for the fear that his military reputation would suffer by so doing. While only news of an encouraging character is permitted to be published, many Spaniards read between the lines of the dispatches and discover that the so-called successes of the Spanish arms are in reality mere pretences on the part of the authorities to prevent the real truth being known. It is safe to say that there is more donot and uncertainty as to the outcome of the war in Spanish minds to-day than at any time since the rebellion began. General Solano reports that the battle recently fought by Col. Laro with the combined forces of the insurgents under Mayia, Rodriguez and other leaders in the Oliver hills, near Placetas, was a more important engagement than was at first reported. It has since been learned that the rebels had upwards of 200 killed or wounded, while the loss to the troops was only one captain and twelve privates wounded.

## CLEVELAND'S CUBAN MESSAGE.

**Spanish Cabinet To Have the Document Read in the Cortes.**

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Madrid says that a meeting of the cabinet, which was held yesterday, discussed the Cuban section of President Cleveland's message to congress, an official copy of the message having been received by Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo a short time ago.

The matter was considered in all its aspects, and it was finally agreed that as the references to Cuba in the message affected the cortes they must be rend before that body. The cortes is not in session now, and, unless an extraordinary session is called, it will not meet for some weeks. The cabinet arrived at no decision as to when the message should be read. Admiral Beranger, minister of marine, submitted requests for money for the purchase of coal and for other naval purposes and these were granted. The cabinet at its meeting last evening decided to make no diplomatic reply to President Cleveland's message.

### Gold Weather in the Adirondacks.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The lowest temperature this winter thus far prevails in the Adirondack region. At North Creek the thermometer indicates 14 degrees below zero, at Marion River Carry 23 below, Keene Centre 4 below, and at Schroon Lake 3.

## CHICAGO FAILURES

Fears for the Safety of Several Other Financial Firms.

## BANKERS BELIEVE THE WORST IS OVER

**Savings Banks Take Refuge Under the Sixty Day Notice Law—Fear That the Clearing House May Withdraw Its Offer of Aid.**

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The failure yesterday of Angus & Gindelen, one of the largest contracting firms in this city, with assets of \$300,000 and liabilities of \$250,000, has added greatly to the excitement caused by the bank failures, and fears are entertained for the financial safety of several other banks and large private firms. The firm of Angus & Gindelen was a heavy debtor of the National Bank of Illinois and, it is claimed, owed that institution over \$200,000. The news of the failure of the Bank of Minnesota and the Union Stock Yards banks at St. Paul has had no appreciable effect upon the situation here, as those banks had very small business dealings with any of the financial concerns here and their failure was really not unexpected. The associated banks have taken prompt, thorough and conservative action to avoid a serious scare on the part of the public which has millions of dollars in savings accounts deposited with city banks. The Illinois Trust leads all the local banks in its saving deposits, having nearly \$12,000,000. The Hibernian bank has less than \$3,400,000 of such accounts. The solid showing made by the banks which did not loan on the collapsed national bank has had a somewhat reassuring effect on the public and the general feeling in the banking community is that the worst is over, so far as those institutions were concerned. There is a fear in some quarters that the Clearing House association may not prolong its offer to loan 75 per cent of approved claims against the National Bank of Illinois and that within the next ten days there may be a tightening of their purse-strings. At a conference of the savings banks of the city, which was held when the runs began at the Hibernian and Illinois Trust banks, it was unanimously agreed to adopt an unusual means towards checking what might become an epidemic of apprehension. Instead of attempting to allay the scare by paying all demands in full on the spot, which has proven to be an unwise policy in the past, the banks decided to stand upon their statutory rights and demand notice of sixty days in case of all withdrawals exceeding \$100. John Angus, president of the Angus & Gindelen Contracting company, says that the assets are estimated to be worth \$300,000 and the liabilities are placed at \$250,000. These figures are believed to be largely guess-work, however, and exaggerated in case of the assets. It is said the firm owes the National Bank of Illinois alone \$250,000 for money borrowed, and the security is said to be of a class which will be slow to realize on. The present partnership was formed in 1888. The company had a large contract on the drainage canal and was the principal owner of the security building at Madison street and Fifth avenue, which was built by the firm.

### Warrants for Two Bankers.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Warrants were sworn out before Justice Hall last night for the arrest of E. S. Dryer and Robert Berger of the wrecked banking firm of E. S. Dryer & Co. The warrants charge the bankers with the violation of the banking law of Illinois, by receiving deposits after the institution was insolvent, and were sworn out by Frank Kennedy, a saloonkeeper on Dearborn street. He claims to have made a deposit in the bank after it had been insolvent. Robert Berger, one of the partners, is son-in-law of George Schneider, president of the defunct National Bank of Illinois.

### Wants \$10,000 Damages.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 23.—Lulu Moulton has sued Mrs. Ella Lamb, both of this city, for the alienation of the affections of her husband. Mrs. Lamb, one of the largest taxpayers of this city, recently secured a divorce from M. D. Lamb, a well-known physician. The case is returnable at the March term of the Washington county court.

### Money for Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The secretary of the interior has drawn upon the treasury for \$10,000,000 for the quarterly payment of pensions. This will be distributed at pension agencies as follows: Pittsburgh, \$1,775,000; Milwaukee, \$1,875,000; Des Moines, \$2,100,000; Concord, N. H., \$700,000; Chicago, \$2,750,000; Buffalo, \$1,600,000.

### Charged with Embezzlement.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—George M. Mattison of New York city, who was arrested here late yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with having embezzled \$1,000 from his former employer, the Birge Manufacturing company of Canton, O., will be taken back to New York this afternoon.

## AMNESTY FOR ARMENIANS.

**The Sultan Shows Mercy to More Than 2,000 Prisoners.**

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that the sultan has issued a decree granting amnesty to more than 2,000 Armenians who had been convicted either of crimes against the government or against persons or property, or who were awaiting trial on such charges. In addition his majesty commutes the death sentence passed on ninety Armenians to imprisonment in a fortress, and promises that these prisoners will be given their liberty if they behave themselves for three months. This clemency is due to the intervention of Mgr. Ormanian, the Armenian patriarch, who recently requested the sultan to show mercy to the many Armenian prisoners. The sultan then consented to grant a general amnesty on condition that the patriarchal mixed council guarantee the future good behavior of the Armenians affected by his act of clemency.

### VICTIM OF AN ACCIDENT.

No Indications Pointing to Suicide in the Case of Miss Powell.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Miss Mary H. Powell of Winona, Somerset county, Md., who was found dead in bed yesterday at a boarding house on Spruce street, having been killed by inhaling illuminating gas which had escaped from an open jet, came to this city Monday to have an operation performed upon her nose at a hospital here, and, as nothing in the case pointed to suicide, it is the supposition that the unfortunate woman was the victim of an accident. Miss Powell was well dressed, had on a gold watch and chain and twenty dollars in money with her. Her friends were notified and they telephoned the coroner that they would come here and take charge of the remains.

### M'AULIFFE LEAVES THE RING.

Retires Before He Meets the Fate of Sullivan and Dempsey.

New York, Dec. 23.—Jack McAuliffe has announced officially that he has retired from the ring. He writes from Portland, Ore., to Arthur F. Lumley, as follows: "I am through. You can tell the boys that I have made up my mind finally to retire from the game. I have been twelve years in the ring and have seen Sullivan and Dempsey go down in the same ring in New Orleans. There is no use of my waiting for the same fate. I have never been defeated, and the public have never lost any money on me. I am going back to Frisco and from there I will leave for home, where I expect to get down to business."

### Fourth-Class Postmasters.

Washington, D. C. 23.—The following fourth-class postmasters have just been appointed: Maine—G. W. Ray, Corea. New York—E. T. Boyd, Wallington, Pennsylvania—H. A. Bryan, Baden; I. G. Burkett, Stormont. The senate has confirmed the following postmaster nominations: New York—J. E. Brennan, Highland Falls; J. C. Brophy, Shortsville; J. E. Cannou, Andover; Marvin D. Fisher, Spencer; John A. Homyer, Remond Hill; Willard Peck, Hudson; C. S. Powell, Freeport; E. J. Shanahan, Amsterdam; B. M. Tasker, Fort Edward; Leander Wright, Amityville.

### Palmer Awarded 6 1/4 Cents.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 23.—Tyndale Palmer, agent, who recently brought suit for damages against about 100 leading newspapers in the United States, charging libel in having published an article alleging dishonest transactions on his part, yesterday received a verdict of six and a quarter cents against the Leader Publishing company. His suit was for \$50,000.

### An Italian Banker Decamps.

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## LEGEND OF HOT SPRINGS.

**Tradition Ascribes Their Discovery to Ponce de Leon.**

**Cold History. However, Does Not Corroborate the Pretty Tale--Greatest Place on Earth for Quacks and Gamblers.**

(Special Hot Springs (Ark.) Letter.)

A resort without a tradition is like a nation without a history; consequently all resorts, whether for health or pleasure, must have a tradition or legend in order to become popular with visitors. If there is one overhanging rock it is a "Lover's Leap," or, if a cauldron, it is the "Devil's Punch Bowl," with stories to match. Most all curative springs were discovered by Ponce de Leon in his search for that fountain of eternal youth, notwithstanding that he was killed by Indians almost immediately on his landing in Florida. Hot Springs, in Arkansas, according to the guide books, has a well-founded tradition to the effect that these boiling waters were first discovered by the over-guy Spaniard who wanted to be made young again, not for one night, but for all time. As an evidence, here are the springs. But the waters are good enough without the tradition. Broken pieces of pottery, arrow heads and mounds show that this pretty valley at the foot of the Ozark mountains was originally inhabited by Indians who came to bathe in the waters for the cure of various diseases, also wounds received in tribal wars. The valley was regarded by all as neutral ground, and the Indians of several tribes came from all sections for hundreds of miles. From them the Spaniards on the gulf coast no doubt learned of the "Springs of Perennial Youth."

The valley in which the town of Hot Springs is situated is about three miles in length, with an average width of half a mile, and from the mountain top spreads out like a fishhook on a large scale. A creek runs through the valley, which serves as a sewer, carrying off the water from the bath houses. Through deference to those with sensitiveness of smell the creek has been covered.

The mountain, or "spur," overlooking the town runs north and south. About 100 springs issue from its sides and strangely enough as in the grandest

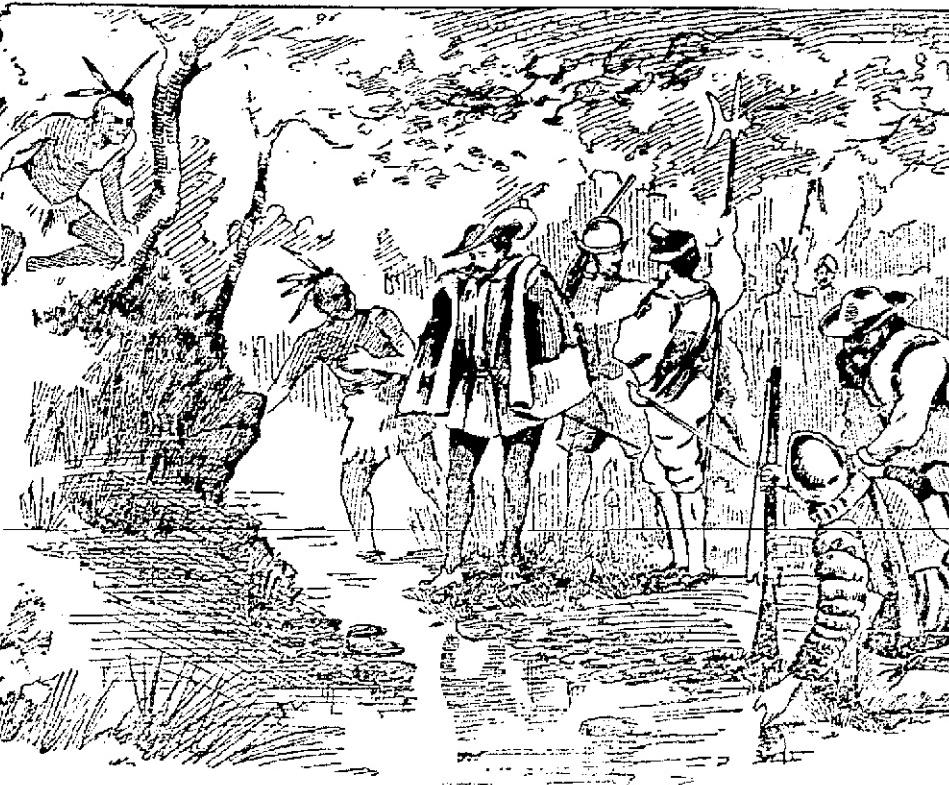
glass. Physicians state that this is evidence that the system is out of order and that water is needed internally as well as outside. So the patient is told to drink as much as he can hold.

There are more physicians, mostly of the quack variety, in this city than in any other of several times its population. There is a continual war between the "regulars" and the "quacks." Those who have "runners" and advertise in the newspapers are called quacks by those who consider themselves too dignified to solicit business in common with other professions and trades. Those who are considered as not "regulars" have their agents on the incoming trains who, at a glance, single out the lame, the halt and the otherwise sick. The drummer approaches



HELL'S HALF ACRE.

hands him the card of Dr. Cureall and at once begins to sing his praises. Incidentally he is also "outing" for some boarding house, and if he lands the victim he more than "kills two birds with one stone." The doctor pays him a commission ranging from 25 to 50 per cent, according to the condition of the patient, physically and financially. He gets a small commission from the boarding-house, and as the patient is now under the influence, he patronizes the designated bathhouse, and the touter also gets a small commission out of that. The "regulars" rail at this "underhanded" method of getting business, meetings are frequently held, and some one of their members is expelled. Some of the loudest denouncers of this practice secretly connive at it, and detectives are employed to get incriminating evidence. Next the judicial war on



LEGEND OF PONCE DE LEON'S DISCOVERY.

works of nature, those on the west side are hot while those on the east are cold, with one exception, which seemingly stands out alone, merely as an illustration of nature's vagaries.

The hot springs range in temperature from 80 to 150 degrees. In "hog-killing time," in early days, farmers scalded their hogs in these springs, as it saved the heating of water, and the women washed the soiled linen, and incidentally aired the gossip of the neighborhood. Later, the government claimed the land and the water, on the grounds, or basis of its mineral qualities.

The water is tempered to suit the condition of the patient—the "dose" being gradually increased. Physicians disagree, as usual, as to whether the medicinal qualities lie in the water or in the heat. The combination of the two works the cure, and the springs are beneficial for everything except heart disease and consumption. Frequently sudden deaths of patients are reported. This is the cause—they had not reported these ailments to the physician.

There are almost as many theories as to the inherent qualities of these waters, the cause of the heat and their source, as there are physicians in the town. Nearly every doctor has his own theory, and the patient pays his money and takes his choice. Strangely enough, the springs show no sign of "giving out." They flow on like the brook that is supposed to run forever, giving the same volume day and night as when noted by the first white settlers about half a century ago. Geologists assert that, according to certain formations, these springs have been boiling and bubbling for about 2,000 years. In addition to the Ponce de Leon legend there is a story to the effect that when the first white settler of the valley camped here and discovered that the water was red hot, he immediately hitched up and left in a hurry, declaring that hades was not far off.

A peculiarity of the water is that it is absolutely tasteless and much lighter than ordinary water, because the air has been boiled out of it. A person can drink it without the tongue being burned, yet if poured on the hand it would burn the skin. At the first draught the patient feels like casting up the water, but, strangely, he cannot do so, and later, craves another

gamblers, the "doctors' war," is one of the most exacting features of life at Hot Springs.

Every few months a mass meeting is held, at which it is "resolved" to clear the town of gamblers—especially those of the bunco stripe. The hotel keepers and physicians state that no sooner does a sick man arrive than he is robbed by the gamblers, and as the patient has only a limited amount of money he is compelled to return home before he has received any benefit from the waters. His stay being cut short, he denounces the town and everyone in it. Hotel keepers have told me that these "cappers" are found in the lobbies seeking victims after the daily arrival of trains, and the buncos even invade private boarding and lodging houses under the pretense of being invalids, where they remain as long as victims are to be fleeced, or until they are discovered and kicked out. To their shame, be it said, there are some citizens who persistently oppose the closing of the gambling dens, claiming that "gambling brings money into the city and makes times better."

The maintenance of a vagabond class of gamblers is not only a detriment to a community, but a disgrace. They live upon the industry of others, producing nothing themselves.

All kinds of fakirs are seen on the streets. One sells tarantulas and another has a drove of donkeys, with negro boy attendants, for hire.

In the early days "squatters' wars" were frequent, and the town was hot in more respects than one. Settlers built shanties near the springs and held their possessions with a shotgun. Finally the government dispossessed them, and they now pay a yearly rental. The bathhouses pay to the government a stated rental per year, based on the amount of water used. The water is measured out into tanks, and it is currently believed that some of the tanks leak.

There are several springs beyond the limits of the reservation in what is known as "Hell's Half Acre." These are reserved for the indigent poor, who bathe without money and without price, and mainly subsist on charity. They come from the adjoining states of Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana and Texas. They beg their way on freight trains and walk back, cured and soiled.

"Every one to her taste" as the old woman said when she kissed the cow." If you'd rather do your washing and cleaning in a slow, laborious way, spending your time and strength in useless, tiresome, ruinous rubbing, it's nobody's business but yours. You are the one that will suffer by it.

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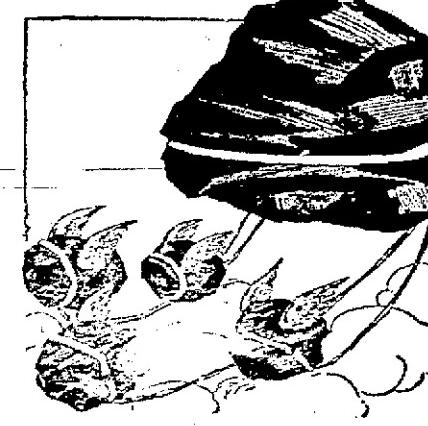
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is the finest production in the stove line ever offered to the public. Extra large high ovens, movable grate bars and he prices, they will surprise you. Over 1,400 sold by us in this city and vicinity.

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The great remedy for nervous prostration and all nervous diseases of either sex, such as Nervous Prostration, Falling of Hair, Impotency, Nymphomania, Insanity, Erroneous Assumption of Pregnancy, and all other diseases due to Consumption and Insanity. With every \$5.00 order you are given a written warrant to cure or refund the money. Sold at \$1.00 per box, 6 boxes.

Sold only by W. D. OLINEY, Middletown, N. Y.



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To put an edge on a hatchet that's all bucked to pieces. Get a new one. Well set and well tempered, head and handle securely joined together—at such a small price that you'll wonder why you didn't get it before. Special indoorments in

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## Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of disease are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipation condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly cures. That is why it is the ordinary remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the only remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be recommended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

## CASINO THEATRE.

Friday, Dec. 25th-Matinee  
and Night

A flaming meteor in the spectacular sky. Glorious and radiantly brilliant presentation of the weird fantastic legendary romance

## The Black Crook

with its sun-bright pageants, imperial marches, superb dramatic cast, impressive choruses, princely wardrobe, ravishingly delirious dancing displays, grand and glorious scenic investiture and surpassingly splendid interpolated features. Innovations and revelations, which intoxicate the soul with delight. Moral, triumphant and unmatched.

Prices—25, 50, 75c, \$1. No 35c tickets. Free list suspended. Don't ask and you won't be refused.

## Casino Theatre

Monday Ev'g, Dec. 28th

Nothing old but the name. Everybody's favorite funny show,

## Peck's Bad Boy!

12th Annual Tour.

After supper go and see it This year better than ever.

New specialties, funny comedians, graceful dancers, pretty girls.

An extraordinary singing company. Success breeds imitators. This is the original version.

Reserved Seats on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's jewelry store.

Put an end to misery. Don's Ointment will cure the worst case of Itching Piles there ever was, and do it almost instantly. Years of suffering relieved in a single night. Get Don's Ointment from your dealer.

## ORANGE COUNTY JURY LIST.

List of Grand and Petit Jurors Drawn to serve at the January Term of the Supreme Court.

We do hereby certify that the following are the names of persons drawn to serve as Grand Jurors at a Supreme Court, to be held in and for Orange county, at the Court House in the village of Goshen, N.Y., on the first Monday of January, 1897.

Dated Goshen, N.Y., Dec. 18th, 1896.  
Name Residence Occupation  
A. H. Topping, Newburgh City, Carpenter  
Peter G. Lewis, Middletown Farmer  
Jacob M. Johnson, Middletown, " "  
N. C. Johnson, Goshen, Montgomery, " "  
Samuel Brown, Newburgh City, Shoemaker  
John Wright, Middletown, Gent  
I. C. Van Duzer, Wawayanda, Farmer  
Edgar L. Spratt, Middletown, G.  
Simon A. Smith, New Windsor, Hotel Keper  
Henry C. Goding, Newburgh City, Merchant  
Sylvester W. Holdridge, Newburgh City, Professor Music  
Alouze Kroum, Newburgh City, Merchant  
James K. Scott, Highlands, Merchant  
John H. Miller, Ulster, Farmer  
W. A. Lowman, Chester, Cheese Mfr.  
Selah E. Strong, Blooming Grove, Farmer  
J. F. Bell, Middleburg, Clerk  
Frank H. Campbell, Warwick, Gent  
Archibald C. Birks, Middletown, Harne's Mfr.  
W. V. Beaman, Chester, Gent  
George Stanzhier, Hamptonburgh, Farmer  
George A. Price, Cornhill, Gent  
William Seeholz, Middletown, Restaurant  
ADAM W. BEAKES, Sheriff  
W. H. WYKER, Justice  
W. D. MILLS, Justice  
W. G. TAGGART, County Clerk  
PETIT JURORS.

We do hereby certify that the following are the names of persons drawn to serve as Petit Jurors at a Supreme Court, to be held in and for Orange county, at the Court House in the village of Goshen, N.Y., on the first Monday of January, 1897.

Dated Goshen, N.Y., Dec. 18th, 1896.  
Name Residence Occupation  
George S. Potter, Ch. Star, Lawyer  
D. L. Jones, Middletown, Farmer  
Charles Crawford, Newburgh, Fisherman  
Ira Decker, Middletown, Merchant  
Charles R. Teare, Montgomery, Carpenter  
Lawrence Gibney, Highland, Farmer  
C. W. Wilcox, Ulster, Merchant  
D. W. Jones, Middletown, Merchant  
Daniel Van Alst, Montgomery, Hardware  
H. S. Spangler, Middletown, Farmer  
Joseph Chardorn, New Windsor, Farmer  
William Hale, Chester, Farmer  
John H. Carpenter, Mount Hope, Farmer  
Robert R. Brown, New Windsor, " "  
John G. Hawley, Hamonton, " "  
J. R. Vandemark, Crawford, " "  
Thos. Stanisborough, Newburgh, " "  
John F. Jones, Newburgh, " "  
Edward Avery, Middletown, " "  
Abraham Smith, Cornwall, " "  
Philip Wells, Wallkill, " "  
John D. Roberts, Newburgh, " "  
John D. Jones, Crawford, " "  
A. C. Grant, Middletown, " "  
J. Henry Smith, Middletown, " "  
L. B. Scott, Middletown, " "  
James Tripp, Goshen, " "  
John L. Jones, Blooming Grove, " "  
Henry M. Jones, New Windsor, " "  
Christian Knobell, Middletown, " "  
George E. Green, Crawford, " "  
W. H. Parker, Ulster, " "  
W. H. Parker, New Windsor, " "  
Nathaniel Jones, Newburgh, " "  
John A. Kortright, Newburgh City, Merchant  
W. H. Hodges, Middletown, Merchant  
Andrew C. Howell, New Windsor, Farmer  
Chas. P. Howell, Middletown, Farmer  
Loring C. Howell, Middletown, Farmer  
Samuel J. Howell, Middletown, Farmer  
George W. Evans, Crawford, Carpenter  
James B. Hinsdale, New Windsor, Farmer  
Orlando E. Smith, Warren, Farmer  
John C. Bradford, Jr., Crawford, Farmer  
W. M. McWhinney, Middletown, Farmer  
Leonard A. Lee, New Windsor, Farmer  
Albert Owens, Newburgh, Farmer  
Lorenzo W. Nichols, Middletown, Farmer  
Lorenzo Krasner, Newburgh City, Farmer  
Wm. A. Popoff, Wallkill, Farmer  
Joseph W. Young, Blooming Grove, Farmer  
Edgar L. Royce, Woodward, Farmer  
Vernon Cox, Middletown, Farmer  
Charles B. Tamm, Goshen, Farmer

ADAM W. BEAKES, Sheriff  
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## GREENVILLE.

## A New Ice House—Auction Prices of Cows—Pay Your Taxes.

Correspondence, Taxes and MERCURY.

Rob rt Purcell, of Mount Valley farm, is erecting a new ice house.

At the present rate of stock at Jesse Elston's cows averaged \$37.

Collector F. H. Davy has received his warrant, and will receive payment of taxes at Williams' hotel, on Dec. 24, Jan. 6th and 13th, also Tuesday and Saturday of each week, ending Jan. 15th, at home.

**Something to Depend On.**

James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden Hill, in speaking of Dr King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with Lat-Gripe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottling-home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

**An Important Question.**

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**Chronic Rheumatism Cured.**

Dr. H. B. Hettinger, Indianapolis, Ind., says: "For several months after spraining my ankle, I was severely afflicted with Rheumatism. I finally tried Detchou's 'Mystic Cure' for Rheumatism, and in 4 days could walk without my cane; two bottles cured me sound and well. I take great pleasure in recommending the 'Mystic Cure' to all who are afflicted with Rheumatism." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, North street, Middletown.

**One Minute Ointment cures.**

That is what it was made for.

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## YES, THERE ARE OTHERS.

## But So Different—It's Proof That Counts and That's What Middletown People Want.

There are many of them. Read about them every day. Do you believe all you read? We think not.

Why? Well, perhaps you know different.

Hard to endorse a statement in Mid-

dtown

Of man in St. Louis.

Bud backs are numerous.

Kidney complaints are common.

So are Kidney Cures.

But do they cure?

That's the all-important question.

Claim is one thing—proof is another.

Claim means what the manufacturer says.

Proof means what the people say.

The people say.

Don's Kidney Pills cure Kidney Ills.

Who are the people?

Why Middle-towners people—What other endorsement is proof?

Arthur C. Bowers, No. 2 Harding street, says: "Between two and three years ago I took LaGripe. I had quite a time of it and when able to be up and around I found myself suffering from lumbago. It grew so bad I could not do any work. For ten days or two weeks at a time the pains would be excruciating. I tried most everything to get relief, medicines, plasters and belts, but all to no purpose. At last I went to J. E. Mills' drug store, on North street, for a box of Don's Kidney Pills. I found in them the remedy I was looking for. They did the work thoroughly. I can honestly recommend them."

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold for 50 cents per box or six boxes for \$2.50; for sale by all dealers; sent by mail on receipt of price by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N.Y., sole agents for the United States.

## Engineer and Fireman Killed.

Paterson, N.J., Dec. 23.—The train on the Erie railroad that left New York at 7 o'clock last night while passing through the Hackensack meadows crashed into wreckage of a freight train which was eastward bound. The engine of the passenger train was derailed and it toppled over on its side. The engineer, John Bogert of Passaic, and fireman, John Boeger of Paterson, and fireman, W. J. Hallieck of Waldwick, N.Y., were killed. Several of the passengers were cut and bruised by broken glass and flying timbers, but none were seriously injured.

Hartford County, Conn., Monetary Affairs.

Hartford, Dec. 23.—The state of the Hartford county treasury is such that there is probability of a county tax being levied. The county is called upon to pay about \$30,000 to towns under the "good roads" law and having recently spent \$90,000 for improvements at the jail, cannot spare the money. The revenues of the county are limited and the only way of increasing them is by levying a county tax.

Massachusetts Vital Statistics.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The medical reports just published show that 1,472 twins and 27 triplets were born in Massachusetts in 1895. This is a big advance over any previous record in this state.

Admiral Bance at Fort Monroe.

Fort Monroe, Va., Dec. 23.—Admiral Bance with the flagship New York and battleship Maine, has arrived here.

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**A Good Performance.**

"While we were in the country we went to the theater. The play was 'The Robbers,' and it was so naturally given that when we came out my wife said 'her bracelet' — 'Illegende Blätter.'

Recent reports indicate that Weyler is unable to keep Gen. Gomez penned up

at Pinas del Rio the shells from one of these guns

to open the Spanish breastworks and then exploded, scattering the dead and dying in all directions. Sometimes the shells bury themselves in the ground before exploding. They have fuses and lie quiet awhile, then send everybody in the neighborhood to "longdom come."

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## DAILY ARGUS.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 1896.

Judge Dickey's attempt to make Congressman Odell and Edward H. Hobbs, a Republican politician of Brooklyn, receivers of the Murray Hill Bank, has ended in disastrous failure. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in both Brooklyn and New York reversed his decisions as soon as they were brought before them and Judge Trux, in accordance with the rulings of the Appellate Divisions, has signed an order directing that all assets be turned over to Miles M. C'Brien and Spencer Trask, the receivers originally named. The attempt to make Messrs. Odell and Hobbs receivers of the bank was generally regarded as a scheme to reward them for political services and its failure will occasion no regret among those who hope to see our courts kept free from even an appearance of partisan bias.

The silk manufacturers of Paterson met, Monday evening, to discuss tariff changes, and formulate their views for submission to Congress. The general opinion was that they already had all the protection they needed against European competition, and that with a few changes to meet the new conditions arising from Japanese competition, the present duties would do well enough. Mr. Lambert, of Dexter, Lambert & Co., one of the oldest and most successful of Paterson's manufacturers, who said he had been through many tariff fights, strongly advised against making any unreasonable demands, and warned those present against asking for a prohibitory tariff, which would not shut out foreign competition, for it would tempt smart foreign manufacturers to start factories here, and competition would be sharper than it already is. The silk manufacturers have learned much by experience, and if manufacturers in other lines would take the same sensible view of tariff legislation it would be a very simple matter to frame a tariff bill that would furnish all the revenue needed, and be satisfactory to every manufacturing interest.

## GUESSING AT THE ELECTORAL VOTE

**The \$1,000 Prize of a Thousand Mile Book Divided Between Earlyville and Norwich Guessers.**

The General Passenger Department of the New York, Ontario and Western Railway Company advertised to give five of charge a thousand mile book to the first person guessing nearest the correct number of electoral votes given each of the presidential candidates, each person accompanying their annual fall excursion to New York, on October 26th last, being entitled to one guess.

Now that the official vote by States renders it possible to make up a fabricated statement, it is found that the two persons guessing the nearest are C. W. Smith, of Earlyville, N. Y., and Asa Aldrich, of Norwich, N. Y., their guesses being McKinley 273, Bryan 177, while the correct vote was McKinley 273, Bryan 174.

As it was impossible to ascertain which of the two guesses above referred to was received first, it is decided to award a five hundred mile book to each, and the same have been forwarded to them. There were many hundreds of guesses received, a number of which were in close proximity to the result.

## A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

**Why a Well Known Clergyman Was Willing to Be Kicked Around a Block.**

One of Middlebury's best known and most popular clergymen ordered some Christmas greens of a mountaineer, not long ago. The man brought them Monday night. He was very drunk, so drunk that the clergyman refused to pay him and told him he'd have to wait till he was sober.

Tuesday morning, the clergyman met as he thought the purveyor of greens on the street and said to him, "I'm glad to see that you're sober this morning. Now that you're fit to do business, I'll pay you for those evergreens."

It was a very wrathful voice that answered. "I never was drunk in my life and I never sold you any evergreens."

The clergymen turned to himself at once and his soft answer that turned away wrath was a request for the man whom he had taken for the tipsy vendor of greens to "kick him around the block."

## Injured by a Fall.

Francis Macken, while shoveling snow at his home, No. 37 John street this morning received a bad fall in which he sustained injuries to his knee that will probably lay him up for some time. He slipped on a board and fell upon his knee. It is not believed any bones are broken, but the muscles are bruised and probably torn. The knee is so badly swollen that his physician is unable to tell the full extent of the injury.

## Fought Dogs for \$25 a side.

At a town or Goshen resort, yesterday afternoon, a dog owned by a Goshen man and a dog owned by a Florida man were fought for \$25 a side. The fight was a one and was won by the Goshen dog. The fight was witnessed by a number of sports, among whom were several from this city.

Dr. MILLS' NERVE PLASTERURE RHEUMATISM, WEAKE JACKS. At druggists, only 25¢.

## LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

## A MAD LOVER'S CRIME.

Killed Three Persons Including His Sweetheart and Then Committed Suicide.

BY UNITED PRESS.

MADELA, Minn., Dec. 23.—John Mottle, aged 25, shot and killed Dennis Jolinski, the latter's son, 19, and his daughter, 16. A fourth person was badly wounded. Mottle then committed suicide.

## FAILURE OF A WISCONSIN BANK

BY UNITED PRESS.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 23.—The Bank of West Superior closed its doors, to-day. Its capital and surplus is \$100,000. It was a depositor in the National Bank of Illinois, of Chicago.

## CHICAGO BANKS ALL RIGHT.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Comptroller Eckles received a telegram this morning from Chicago, saying that everything was quiet, and no further bank failures are anticipated.

## POISONED BY WOOD ALCOHOL.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 23.—Eight men living near here drank wood alcohol. Two are dead and two are in a critical condition. The others will recover.

## FATAL WRECK ON THE ERIE.

**Engineer and Fireman Killed in a Singular Accident on the Hackensack Meadows.**

An Erie freight train was crossing the Hackensack meadows, at 7:30 o'clock last night, an axle under a car loaded with lumber broke. The jolting of the car threw three heavy pieces of timber on the west bound track directly in front of the Waldwick local, which was approaching at full speed. The heavy timbers threw the engine of the passenger train from the track, and the engineer John Bogart, of Paterson, and the fireman, U. G. Halleck, of Waldwick, were killed.

The loosened timbers which remained on the flat car scraped against the passenger train, smashing windows and badly frightening passengers, none of whom were, however, seriously injured.

## CHILDREN MADE HAPPY.

**First Presbyterian Sunday School Pupils Entertained and Feasted.**

The First Presbyterian Church Sunday School was very pleasantly entertained in the lecture room of the church, last evening, by Prof. Bausch, a mind reader, who performed many feats that puzzled even the older heads among those present, and completely mystified the children.

After the entertainment ice cream and cake were served to all present, and as the children left the room each was presented with an orange.

## ONLY BURNING RUBBISH.

**A Bonfire at the State Hospital Was taken for Burning Farm Buildings.**

A bright light which illuminated the sky west of the city about six o'clock, last evening, created considerable speculation as to whose property was being consumed and several positive statements as to the exact location were given out, and several burners were the recipients of condolences this morning.

The fire was in a field back of the State Hospital farm buildings where a quantity of rubbish, old barrels, etc., was being burned.

## Want Descriptions of Geo. Lea's Board Jumpers.

George Lea received, yesterday, a letter from A. B. Vanderbeck, the publisher of the *Suffern Independent*, asking for descriptions of the woman and two men who recently jumped their board bills at the Madison House. Mr. Vanderbeck says that possibly they are parties whom he wishes to locate.

Women who are weak and nervous, who have no appetite and cannot sleep, find strength and vigor in Hood's Sarsaparilla.

## An Important Question.

If your friends or neighbors are suffering from coughs, colds, sore throat, or my throat or lung diseases (including consumption), ask them if they have ever used Otto's Cure. This famous German remedy is having a large sale here and is performing some wonderful cures of throat and lung diseases. J. J. Chambers, 57 North street, will give you a sample bottle free. No matter what other medicines have failed to do, try Otto's Cure. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

## A Short Cut to Health.

To try to cure constipation by taking pills is like going round in a circle. You will never reach the point sought, but only get back to the starting points. A potent natural laxative is Bacon's Celery King, the celebrated remedy for all nerve, blood, stomach, liver and kidney diseases. It regulates the bowels. J. J. Chambers, 57 North street, will give you a sample package free. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

## Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"MYSTIC CURL," for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. The first dose greatly benefits. Large size 75 cents. Sold by J. E. Mills, Druggist, Middletown.



Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Will cure the worst forms of female complaints, all ovarian troubles, inflammation and ulceration, falling and displacements of the womb, and consequent spinal weakness, and is peculiarly adapted to the change of life.

Every time it will cure Backache.

It has cured more cases of leucorrhœa by removing the cause, than any remedy the world has ever known; it is almost infallible in such cases. It dissolves and expels tumors from the uterus in an early stage of development, and checks any tendency to cancerous humors. Lydia E. Pinkham's Liver Pills work in unison with the Compound, and are a sure cure for constipation and sick headache. Mrs. Pinkham's Sanative Wash is of great value for external application.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

**Harmonia Council, No. 1,006, American Legion of Honor.**

Harmonia Council, No. 1,006, American Legion of Honor, last night, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Commander—John Schmidt. Vice Commander—Julius Heinig. Secretary—R. L. Fothoffer. Collector—J. Günther. Treasurer—N. Schellenberg. Orator—Mrs. E. Gottwald. Past Commander—A. Gottwald. Guide—Mrs. E. Roth. Chaplain—Fred Gries.

**Martha Washington Lodge Rebecca Degree I. O. O. F.**

The annual election of officers of Martha Washington Lodge Rebecca Degree I. O. O. F., took place last evening, and the following officers:

N. G.—Mrs. E. B. Quirk. V. G.—Mrs. Esther Clemson. Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Bryon Miller. Per. Sec.—Mrs. W. H. McQuoid. Pres.—Mrs. Harvey Goodzien. Trustees—Willis G. Tice, Mrs. C. J. Thayer, Mrs. C. H. Brown.

The installation will take place January 12th, when the Noble Grand will announce her appointments.

## Maennerchor Germania.

The Maennerchor Germania at its meeting, Monday night, elected the following officers:

President—Clement Heiss. Vice-Pres.—Joseph Vogel. Rec. Secretary—Ernest Meyer. Fin. Secretary—Otto Haack. Treasurer—Wm. Kurtz. Librarian—William Hult. Color Bearer—Henry Thonmann.

**On Duty as a New York Policeman.**

J. Kelly Carpenter, of this city, has received his appointment as a New York policeman and went on duty, last night

## Blood.

Blood is certain to manifest itself in some way and it often assumes a serious form. Right here in our own city Hood's Sarsaparilla has done a wonderful work by purifying the blood. Read the following:

"My little granddaughter, Mary Elsie McGuire, who makes her home with me, was so deaf three years ago that anyone had to shout to make her hear. She had abscesses in her ears which would break out and run. She would have these attacks for weeks at a time. It commenced in one ear, at first, and finally it was in both ears. The discharges from these abscesses, owing to impure

blood, disappeared and she has no humor or abscesses since. She can hear now as well as anyone. My little daughter, Jessie, had a scrofula humor a year ago last fall which resembled cancer or diphtheritic sore throat. I gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla and she has not had

any since. Whenever she

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Would often continue for several weeks. The doctor said she would always be deaf. I saw Hood's Sarsaparilla advertised so much, had read of the wonders it had done for others and I thought if it would help one it would help another. We gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla and she took two bottles. Both broke out of her ear and seabs formed around her mouth. Her throat was full of cancer and her blood was full of humor. The breaking out finally disappeared and she has no humor or abscesses since. She can hear now as well as anyone. My little daughter, Jessie, had a scrofula humor a year ago last fall which resembled cancer or diphtheritic sore throat. I gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla and she has not had

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Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify the blood

and keep them well and healthy. My

husband, when he feels poorly, takes

it for a general tonic. He believes there

is nothing like it and that it is better

than all of the doctor's medicine.

We all have faith in it and never mean to

be without it in the house. I have told a

great many people what it has done for

Mary and our Jessie and have recom-

mended them to use it." MRS. MARY LEONARD, 21 Cooper St., Taunton, Mass.

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## ONCE MORE

## DAILY ARGUS.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 1896.

## OPEN EVENINGS.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

## WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY EDITORIAL PRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Fair and colder to-night; Thursday cloudy and threatening, northwesterly winds.

## THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day: 7 a.m., 20°; 12 m., 26°; 3 p.m., 24°.

## AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

—Dec. 21.—Ball at Umpqua Lodge, at Assembly Rooms.

—Dec. 22.—"Peck's Bad Boy," at Casino.

—Jan. 1.—Masquerade ball, at Casino.

—Jan. 1, 15, 29.—Bachelor Club hops.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Oranges 15 cents a dozen at J. W. Sloane's.

—Baker's pâté supplies at Hooker Bros'.

—Cut prices on holiday goods or W. D. Olney's.

—Christmas presents at Geo. B. Adams'.

—See First National Bank report.

—Habits good cheap at H. E. Churchill's.

—Ruffles for turkeys, at 81 Cottage street.

—Ruffles for turkeys, at Eagle's building.

—The last act? See adv. of Matthews & Co.

—See jury list on third page.

## LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—"Black Crook" at the Casino, Christmas night.

—"Peck's Bad Boy" will be produced at the Casino, next Monday evening.

—Don't fail to see "Black Crook" at the Casino, Christmas.

—Umpqua Tribe of Red Men will dance at the Assembly Rooms, to-morrow evening.

—"Black Crook" will undoubtedly draw a good house at the Casino, on Christmas night.

—Remember the printers' grand masquerade ball at the Assembly Rooms, Thursday evening, Jan. 14.

—The ancient English custom of carol singing is to be taken up and put in practice by a number of Newburgh vocalists on Christmas eve.

—Monday and yesterday were the shortest days of the year, and from now on the days will begin to lengthen, imperceptibly for a time, but growing longer all the same.

—Eric train 7, a very popular one for Middle-towners, was behind the wreck at Berry's Creek, last night, and did not reach this city until 12:15, this morning. There were but few Middle-towners on board.

—The lightness of the snow, this morning, rendered it a comparatively easy matter for trains to make their way through it, and but very little delay was caused on any of the roads. Should a wind storm come, however, before the snow is packed, there would be trouble.

## PERSONAL.

—Harvey Olys, of this city, went to New York, this morning, on business.

—J. Hastings Canfield, of Lehigh University, arrived home, yesterday, for the holiday vacation.

—City Engineer C. H. Smith and family, left town, on Eric train No. 1, for Hornellsville, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Smith's mother, ex-Sheriff George Hollins.

—Miss Madeline Quaid, of Newburgh, who is well known in this city, where she has often been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ed. Tompkins, gave a trolley party to Orange Lake, last night. Skating and a dinner at the Pine Point Club were the entertainments provided for her guests.

—Invitations have been received in this city to the marriage of Miss Ida Gruhn Cudney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Cudney, to Robert Mirum Knapp, at the home of the bride in Spring Glen, on Jan. 5th. Miss Cudney has been a frequent visitor in town, and has many friends here.

## WHERE THE BEST DIAMONDS COME FROM.

A Bright Boy's Answer That Wasn't in the Books, but Was Very Pat.

A teacher in a school in this city, whose engagement to a former Middle-towner, now in business in Newburgh, was recently announced wears a beautiful diamond engagement ring. Her pupils were quick to learn the significance of the ring and in their childish way tried to tease their teacher about it, but only once has she been broken up by their attempts to have fun with her.

During a recitation, she asked: "Where do the best diamonds come from?" and a very smart pupil quickly responded: "From Mr. — in Newburgh." The teacher blushed and laughed and blushed again; but she forgave the boy.

## The Snow Plow Called Out.

Superintendent Urban and Assistant Superintendent Gausman, of the Traction Company, started out with the snow plow at 5 o'clock, this morning, and cleared the track of snow. The first trip was made to the State Hospital, then the cross town line was cleaned and then the big car started for Goshen. The snow was light and easily brushed aside, but the job at that early hour was not a pleasant one, nevertheless.

## Caught in the "Jimpers."

William Thompson, an employe in the handle shop at the saw works, had the two first fingers of his left hand caught in the "jimpers," a machine used for cutting out saw handles, and both were badly cut. It is feared that he may lose one of the members.

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## THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

To Take a Vacation for the Holidays—Exercises in the Primary Grades—Programmes Rendered.

The public schools of this city closed this afternoon for the holiday vacation. There were examinations in the higher grades and exercises by the pupils in the primary grades. The programmes rendered were as follows:

## LINDEN AVENUE.

Miss Maud Morgans and Miss Mary E. Crist—teachers.

Song—Christmas Bells..... Echo I.

Recitation—When I Am Big..... Seymour Anderson.

Recitation—Old Santa Claus..... Tracy Warren.

Recitation—To Santa Claus..... Lulu Robinson.

Recitation—My Stocking..... Hattie Ralston

Song—O Christmas Tree..... School

Recitation—A Christmas Puzzle..... Wilson Martin

Song—Christmas Time is Coming..... Pansy Penny, Ethel King, Lena Russell,

Elsie Marsden, Pearl Allen, Hattie Goldsmith, Edna O'Neill.

Recitation..... Earl Patterson.

Recitation—Sly Santa Claus..... Mary O'Neill.

Song—Jingle Bells..... Ethel King, Louis Green and school.

Recitation—My Baby Brother..... Arthur Doell.

Recitation—A Telephone Message..... Genevieve Heath.

Song and Chorus—Christmas Chimes..... Viola Doeland and school.

Recitation—A Queer Hole..... Clinton Vail.

Exercise—Messengers of the New Year..... Herald, Harold Chambers; messengers, Mabel Freer, Grace Benson, Etta Smith, Edith Carr, Alice Whittaker, Bertha Hill, Ethel Fuller, Maud Horton.

Song—Santa Claus is Coming..... School

Recitation—A Christmas Jing'e..... Eddie Creasy.

Recitation—A Song of Christmas..... Venie Ogden.

Recitation—Christmas Has Come at Last..... Josephine Beyea.

Motion Song—Snow Bird..... School

Bags of candies, nuts, etc., distributed to children.

Closing Song—School Time Now is Over..... Miss Katherine Harris and Miss Grace Schoonmaker, teachers.

Song—Song of the Bells..... School

Recitation—Welcome..... Clearton Reynolds.

Recitation—Electricity of Santa Claus..... Josie Faulkner.

Recitation—My Stocking..... Nina Remsen.

Recitation—Monsie's Christmas..... Genevieve Poole.

Recitation—A Christmas Present..... Jennie Finch.

Song—A Christmas Song..... School

Recitation—A Telephone Message..... Mabel Bolding.

Recitation—Deceiving Santa Claus..... Bessie Green.

Recitation—Christmas Eve..... Mabel Johnson.

Recitation—Filling the Stockings..... Merrie Snowdy.

Song—Come back, Santa Claus..... Hattie Adams, Ethel Bowers, Josephine Brown, Nedie Curran, Nellie Clark, Amy Beyea, Emma Hulse.

Recitation—A Note to Santa Claus..... Earl Matthews.

Recitation—Dottie's Surprise..... Coral Redfield.

Recitation—Quite Like a Stocking..... Rose Green.

Song—Kind Sir, Will You Buy..... Florence and Gussie Van Duzer.

Song—Now's the Time for Santa Claus..... School

Miss Bertha Morgans, teacher:

Song—Hallelujah..... School

Recitation—December..... Jim Moore.

Recitation—All the World's a Xmas Tree..... Harry Fankauer.

Recitation—Snow Apples..... Fram Groot.

Recitation—Kitty's Xmas..... Edna St. John.

Song—Old Santa Claus..... School

Recitation—Christmas Carol..... Arthur Hyde.

Recitation—The Stocking Ball..... Linda Price.

Recitation—My Xmas Dolly..... Nellie Rose.

Song—Clap, Clap the Hands..... School

Recitation—Old Tab's Xmas..... Florence Van Duzer.

Recitation—Xmas..... Ray Whitlock.

Recitation—The Meo..... Ned Confort.

Duet—Snow Bird..... Margaret Hess and Allie Van Derhoff.

Recitation—Miss Snowflake's Party..... Belle Bowers.

Recitation—Not the Effect Intended..... Le Vernon Kniffin.

Bags of candies, nuts, etc., distributed to children.

Song—Hurrah or Santa..... School

HIGH STREET—PRIMARY GRADE.

Miss Nora A. Roosa, teacher.

Song—Carol, Sweetly Carol..... School

Recitation—Dressing Mary Ann..... Clara Still.

Recitation—My Stocking..... Chauncey Warner.

Song—Ring Out the Bells..... School

Recitation—Letter to Santa Claus..... Gertrude Vaughn.

Recitation—Baby..... Christine Stevens.

Song—Silent Night..... Florence Quigley.

Recitation—The Cat and the Bird..... Alfred Blakeney.

Recitation—Come Little People..... Olivia Myers.

Recitation—Santa Claus..... Mattie Rourke.

Song—Santa Claus' Bells..... School

After the entertainment boxes of candy were distributed from a Christmas tree.

TRUANT SCHOOL.

At the Truant School, the teacher, J. C. Mullison, presented each one of his scholars with a package of candy at the close of the afternoon session.

WEST MAIN STREET SCHOOL.

There were exercises at the West Main

Jessie Teats.

Song—Hanging up the Baby's Stocking..... Maggie Haft, Bertha Hill, Alice Whittaker, Clinton Vail, Arthur Doell, Leo Tatman.

Recitation—Our Little Maid and Our Little Man..... George Rodgers.

Christmas Exercise—Mother Goose..... George Minshall, Cora Hall, Robert Gray, Mabel Brose, John Cronise, Clark Landfield, Russell Rodgers.

Recitation..... James Rorty.

Song—Grandpa..... School

Recitation—Mother Hubbard's Christmas Cupboard..... Alice Marsden.

Recitation—Santa Claus..... Willie Burt.

Exercise—Seven Little Cooks..... Pansy Penny, Ethel King, Lena Russell, Elsie Marsden, Pearl Allen, Hattie Goldsmith, Edna O'Neill.

Recitation..... Earl Patterson.

Recitation—Sly Santa Claus..... Mary O'Neill.

Song—Jingle Bells..... School

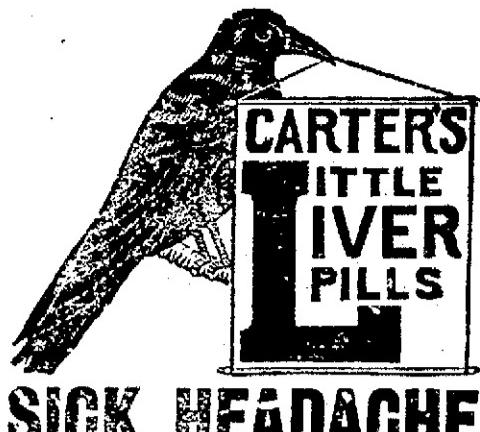
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HENRY C. McRAE, D. D. S., Gas dentist, Office over Savings Bank, Middletown, N. Y.

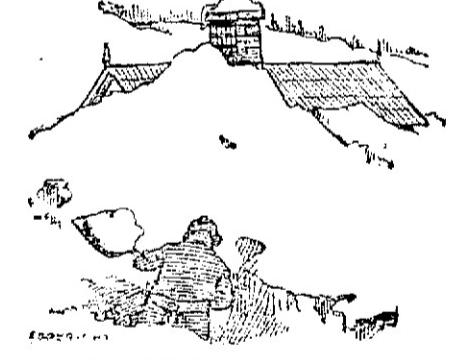


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## AN INTERESTING RELIC.

A Battered Tablet from the Ancient Temple of Herod.

In the Interesting museum of antiquities at Constantinople the object struck me most was a hoary, battered tablet, with a long Greek inscription cut on it in seven lines. It was discovered in Jerusalem about the end of May, 1871, by the French archaeologist, Clermont-Ganneau, at a considerable depth below the ground, in the foundations of an Arab house, not far from the mosque of Omar, on what might have been the site of the temple of Herod.

This is one of the very few relics of that magnificent structure which have survived to our day. The inscription is in capital monumental letters and may be translated thus: "No stranger can enter within the balustrade round the sanctuary and inclosures. Whoever is caught will be responsible to himself for his death." Josephus gives a graphic description of Herod's temple and mentions that the court of the Gentiles was separated from the part that was restricted to the Jews by two parallel walls, about 15 feet apart. The outer wall was about 4½ feet high. It was an elaborate carved stone balustrade with 13 doors in it, each of which had a pillar in front of it, bearing an inscription in Greek and Latin, forbidding any foreigner to enter the inclosure on pain of death. Josephus mentions that the Romans respected this law and no Gentile ever ventured to intrude beyond this point.

The prohibition in question, however, was long regarded as apocryphal, even although Philo spoke of the inscription and corroborated the statement of the Jewish historian. But the discovery of Clermont-Ganneau has placed the matter beyond dispute. The tablet which he found was part of one of the columns guarding the inner sanctuary from the approach of un-hallowed feet, and the connection between the inscription carved on it and the passage in Josephus is most striking. The expressions and forms are almost identical. There is indeed a curious variation in the Greek word for "balustrade," or partition wall. In the passage in Josephus it is drupakatos, whereas in the inscription it is trupakatos; but this variation may be accounted for by the fact that Josephus used the correct classical term, while the inscription spelled the word according to the Jewish method of pronouncing it, changing a d into a t. Josephus twice refers to the inscription, once in his "Antiquities," and the parallel passages are differently worded, showing that he did not intend to give the exact phraseology of the stone monument, but only the sense; and, therefore, that the tablet should give the sense of Josephus' words, without his exact expression, is just what might have been expected in such a discovery. According to Clermont-Ganneau, the tablet is the most ancient, as well as the most interesting Greek inscription which archaeological investigation in Jerusalem has produced. Its bearings are most important. It supplies a standard of comparison by which to distinguish the Herodian sculpture and paleographic works from those of previous or later days.—Sunday at Home.

Suffocated by Sulphur.

While two men were hunting on the Yellowstone river, they saw in a small gulch a grizzly bear, curled up as if asleep. Being men of experience, they climbed up the side of the gully and when out of reach, hurled rocks at the huge animal. To their surprise it never moved, although hit quite frequently. Presently it dawned upon them that the grizzly was dead, and closer examination revealed such to be a fact. There was no wound on its body, and while the men were pondering over this singular circumstance, they became conscious of a sense of suffocation from strong sulphur fumes, arising from several holes in the ground nearby. At some risk they investigated further and found the skeletons of four other bears, an elk, squirrels and other small game, all evidently asphyxiated by the noxious gases. The gulch runs a natural basin in which the rains collected, and it is heavy and fast near the surface, quadrupeds fall in a gulf to this death-trap. Even the hunters suffered from severe headache and nausea, after their brief stay. (Continued.)

Buried Cities in the Far East.

The Norwegian traveler, Seven, has contributed to a German journal notes, an interesting account of his travels in central Asia in the desolate north of the Kwei-tien region.

Ruins of large towns were discovered which had been buried by successive sandstorms spreading over a thousand years, hence very modest from a Petrie point of view. Separate houses were uncovered of very fragile construction consisting of wooden pillars, while the walls were put together of plaited reeds covered with mud. The latter were rendered at once impervious and suitable for decoration by being coated with white plaster. Drawings were discovered on these walls, and well executed, of human figures, horses, dogs and flowers, and jutting by the copies which have been brought back, of no small artistic merit. Small figures of Buddha were also dug up, as well as various fruit trees which told a tale of the bygone days when this arid surface was once made fertile by the waters of the River Kerjia.—N. Y. Post.

A Curiosity, Indeed.

"I don't see anything peculiar about this specimen," said the visitor to the museum as he stepped in front of the last chair.

"Don't you, indeed?" repeated the manager scornfully. "Let me tell you we can't duplicate him on this continent. He's the young man just learning to ride a bicycle who never talks 'wheel' when he's not riding."—Buffalo Times.

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ELY'S CREAM BALM

SUPREME Court, county of Orange—Elizabeth Hooy, plaintiff, against Lawrence Hooy, Attorney John Hooy, Bartley Hooy, Ellen Connally and James Connally, her husband; William F. O'Neill and E. Louise O'Neill, his wife; S. Deacon, John Rogers, John Donovan, as administrator of exec. of Ann Hooy, deceased, defendant.

In an answer of an interlocutory judgment, directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described, made in the above entitled action, bearing date the 4th day of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and filed in the Orange County Clerk's office, in the manner provided in said judgment, it is further directed in said judgment named will sell at public auction, at the Russell House, a public hotel on James street, in the city of Middletown, Orange county, N. Y., on the 20th day of December, 1896, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all the land and buildings in said judgment directed to sell.

All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the city of Middletown, Orange county, and State of New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point 12 feet back from the westernly line of Canal street, and on a course due north 29 degrees 28 minutes west from said point, which point is distant 260.910 feet from the north corner of Wister avenue; and runs from thence on a course of north 29 degrees 22 minutes east 21 feet; thence north 66 degrees 23 minutes east 21 feet; thence north 66 degrees 23 minutes east 21 feet; thence north 66 degrees 23 minutes east 21 feet; thence along the line of said said street south 29 degrees and 22 minutes west 31 feet; thence south 66 degrees and 23 minutes east 125 feet to the place of beginning together with the right of way to the front of the premises, and the same is described in a plan of title in the record of P. H. Moshier & wife to Richard Sheehan, dated Oct. 9th, 1896, and recorded November 13th, 1896, in Orange County Clerk's office. Said lands above described being the land upon which is now built a new house about 20 feet by 40 feet, and enclosed in a fence 4 feet high, and described in a deed from Richard Sheehan and wife to Ann Hooy, dated April 10th, 1892, and recorded in Orange County Clerk's office, in book of deeds 250, at page 181, April 10th, 1892.

Also all that tract or parcel of land situate in the city of Middletown, Orange county, N. Y., and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the line of lands of John Redfield 50 feet northeast from the north corner of lot number 16 on James B. Bell's map made by W. W. Beers and dated March, 1868, and runs from the aforesaid 50 feet due north 45 degrees east parallel with the line of lands of the northwesterly lot of lands north 11 and 12 degrees west 6 chains and 33 links to a stake in the wall; thence north 45 degrees west 3 chains 55 links to the angle of two stone walls; thence along one of said walls and between the angle of the said wall and the aforesaid 50 links to a stake north 70 degrees west 7 chains 50 links to a stake in the line of said Redfield's lands; thence along his land south 45 degrees east 6 chains and 75 links to a stake; thence along his lands east 6 chains and 75 links to the place of beginning, containing 25.100 acres of land, he the same more or less, containing and reserving out and from the said described premises all these lots and places of land described in a deed from Richard Sheehan and wife to Richard Sheehan, dated Oct. 9th, and recorded in Orange County records for 4 deeds in book of deeds at page 182, April 10th, 1892.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 7th, 1896.

JOHN C. P. TAYLOR, Referee.

M. J. DONOVAN, Plaintiff, Attorney, Room 11 and 12, Low Building, Middletown, N. Y.

679-14-21-25-26

To Pursuer of an order of Hon. John J. Benson, County Judge of Orange County, N. Y., on the 16th day of November, 1896, notice is hereby given to all creditors and persons having claims against James E. Bruce, lately doing business in the city of Middletown, N. Y., that they are required to file with him, within ten days after the service of this notice, their proofs of claim, duly verified, to the proper amount, and, if no such claim is filed, the creditor, who has been duly appointed assignee of the said James E. Bruce for the benefit of creditors, at his office, Empire Block, in the city of Middletown, N. Y., on or before the sixth day of February, 1897.

A. VANEST POWELSON, Assignee, Middletown, N. Y.

GEO. H. DECKER, Attorney for Assignee, Middletown, N. Y.

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## IN ANCIENT GOSHEN.

**Christmas Services—Personal Mention—Santa Claus for Old and Young—Fortunate for the Former That They Do Not Always Get Their Deserts.**

From a Special Correspondent.

—At St. James' a celebration of the holy communion at 7:30 a.m., on Christmas morning, and sermon and second celebration at 11 a.m. There will be no other services during the week excepting evensong at 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

—Miss Annie Ostrom, who is taking a three years' course in nursing at St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, spent last week in this village as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Susan B. Ostrom.

—Mrs. George C. Miller and Miss Miller have gone to New York, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

—It was with great sorrow that the people of our community learned of the death of Miss Louise Coleman. Miss Coleman's lovely and sunny disposition had endeared her to a large circle of friends, and many hearts will be saddened at this joyous Christmas time by the thought of the sweet young life, just budding into womanhood, that has gone so suddenly from amongst us.

—When we were children what an eternity seemed to stretch from one Christmas to another. Surely the months had more days in them than they have now, when the Christmases have a way of racing just as milestones seem to do when we are journeying rapidly.

—It used to be a custom in old times, the writer has been told, for Santa Claus to put a whip into the stocking of the naughty little boy or girl who had hung it up, hoping in expectation of the coveted toy or book or sweets, and she has sometimes wondered what would happen if some of their elders should try the experiment of returning to this juvenile custom. It would be an awful risk for certain of us to run. As the year draws towards its close one is very apt to take to moralizing. Among the many ghosts of dead happenings that are apt to arise out of the past and confront us as we sit alone, those of our broken resolutions are most appalling. We brought them into existence, are responsible for their being and but too often for their early demise and, as the year wanes, there they stand, asking us what we are going to do about them. This is a very awkward question to answer oftentimes, and we are inclined to think it is well to abandon the habit of hanging up our stockings quite early in life.

## "THE MIKADO."

## The Second Performance an Improvement on the First—Enough Made to Buy Excelsior a Team of Horses.

The second and final performance of "The Mikado" was given at the Casino, last night, before a larger and more appreciative audience than was present on Monday evening. The performance passed off very smoothly and was a decided improvement over the night before. All of the members of the cast acquitted themselves very creditably. The nervousness which was apparent during the first night had disappeared entirely and every one seemed perfectly at home on the stage.

The members of the chorus had also recovered from their stage fright and sang with much more confidence than on Monday evening.

Carter Rowley's souvenir presented between the acts was a pronounced hit. It consisted of a generous portion of mousse-roe pudding, with spoon, and Japanese napkins folded in grotesque figures.

The receipts, a trifle over \$700, while not as large as many of the members of Excelsior had anticipated, were up to the standard set by the committee of arrangements and a sum sufficient to purchase a team of horses will be realized. A complete statement cannot be made as yet as many members who had tickets to sell have not yet made their returns.

## Died in the Newton Hotel.

An old man who gave his name as August Blaum, aged eighty-four years, died in the Newton Hotel, saying that he needed shelter, so had no place to go. He was suffering from asthma, and was very poorly off, living on soap. He was unable to leave hotel, and Monday morning was found dead in his cell. He was about seventy years old, and is said to have a daughter living in or near Proctor.

## A Warant of Clemency.

A warant of clemency has been issued to the State of New York, owner of the steamer Port Jervis, a famous vessel in the river country of this city, since 1849. A month's rent is due. It is understood that the vessel will be sold.

## A Cure for Cancer.

The cancerous disease as they are now called is a portion of the human body. There is no way to cure it, and there is no way to prevent it. Deceit is caused by a combination of the various forms of the Prosthetic Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a burning sound in your ear, and when it is entirely closed, Deceit is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever, nine cases out of ten are cured by ear-tar, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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## MIDDLETOWN BUSINESS COLLEGE

## Interesting Exercises Mark the Closing of the First Year—Diploma Awarded

The Middletown Business College will close the first year of its existence Thursday evening, when the pupils will take a vacation until Jan. 4th, 1897.

The closing exercises were held last evening. The rooms were packed with the parents and friends of the pupils and many could not gain admission.

The following programme was admirably rendered:

Piano solo—Susie Crist.

Chorus—The Christmas Welcome—Mrs. Ramsell.

Piano duet—Susie and Georgie Crist.

Recitation—Belle Sprague.

Duet piano and violin—Susie Crist and Joseph D. Torrey.

Reading—Lizzie Morehouse.

Piano solo—Harry Quick.

Recitation—Lillian Gibbs.

Dialogue—A Day in Madame Bouton's School—Five Young Ladies.

Singing—Messrs. Faull, O'Neal, McEwan, Quirk, Purdy, Bidwell.

Recitation—Charles Purdy.

Piano duet—Susie and Georgie Crist.

Recitation—Minnie Beattie.

Presentation of Diploma by Mr. Ramsell.

Jonathan Hayseed's Orchestra—A Medley.

Vocal solo—Mrs. E. E. Coupling.

Chorus—Glee Club.

There was but one graduate at this time, T. Osborn Hardin, of Montgomery, who has completed the commercial course and will now take the course in stenography.

Mr. Ramsell has reason to feel proud of the success of his school during its first year. Sixty pupils have been connected with the school in its various departments. It looks as if the Middletown Business College would become one of the permanent institutions of the city.

## THE BLACK CROOK.

## Every Arrangement Being Made for a Fine Performance on Christmas.

In order that the performance of "The Black Crook" may not be hurried and that ample time may be given for the arrangement of scenery and electrical light effects, Manager Corey has made arrangements with the Springer & Welty Co. to have the entire company and their effects arrive in this city at noon on Dec. 24th. Owing to the number of special numbers that will be introduced on Christmas night, Manager Corey has arranged for an entire rehearsal of the company, including the specialties, on the evening of Dec. 24th.

The managers of the house and of the company wish the public to understand that any lady may attend the holiday performances as there will be absolutely nothing to offend the most fastidious.

## A Would-be Suicide's Wonderful Vitality.

At last accounts Henry E. Monroe, the Centreville, N. J., hotel keeper, who shot himself in the head, Sunday, was up and about the house. The bullet passed clear through his head and is believed to be resting against the skull at the back of the head. Part of the brain has come out.

Is it "overwork" that has filled this country with nervous dyspepsies?—that takes the flesh off their bones, the vitality from their blood, and makes them feeble, emaciated and inefficient? No. It is bad cooking, overeating of indigestible stuff, and other health destroying habits.

The remedy is an artificially digested food such as the Shaker Digestive Cordial. Instead of irritating the already inflamed stomach the Cordial gives it a chance to rest by nourishing the system itself and digesting other food taken with it. So flesh and strength return. Is not the idea rational? The Cordial is nutritious and relieves immediately. No money risked to decide on its value. A 10 cent trial bottle does that.

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